



**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY MANUAL**

Timeline for Holy Orders

INQUIRER							NOMINEE			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Meet with parish priest or priest in charge, complete questionnaires, write initial theology essay, meet with Bishop, Background clearances AND Safe Church Training completed									Convention	
							With Bishop's approval begin Seminary or Diaconate Training		Completed Postulancy Package & Application Due by 4th Tuesday in November	
Discernment Committee Meetings							Vestry completes nomination form			
Year 1 - Postulant										
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Postulancy Interviews	Notification of Postulancy				Ordinations		Seminary or Diaconate Training	Standing Committee Interviews	Convention	Ordinations
		Ember Day Letter			Ember Day Letter		Ember Day Letter			
		Application for Candidacy								
				Complete One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (Priesthood)						
				Field Education or Internships						
YEAR 2 - Candidate										
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Candidacy Interviews			Standing Committee interviews	Notification of Candidacy	Ordinations		Seminary or Diaconate Training	Standing Committee interviews	Convention	Ordinations
		Ember Day Letter			Ember Day Letter		Ember Day Letter			Ember Day Letter
Anti-Racism Training/Sacred Ground				Oxford Background Check			Medical/Psychological Evaluation			
				Complete One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (Priesthood)						
				Field Education or Internships						
YEAR 3 - Candidate										
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
General Ordination Exams	Application for ordination to the Diaconate		Standing Committee interviews	Complete Seminary or Diaconate Training	Ordination to the Diaconate		Application for Ordination to the Priesthood	Standing Committee interviews	Convention	Ordinations
		Ember Day Letter			Ember Day Letter		Ember Day Letter			Ember Day Letter